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EXDIS/FOR SECRETARY FROM ATHERTON AND SCHAUFLE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, ET, IS

SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM - ISRAELI MILITARY ADVISORS IN  
ETHIOPIA (SS:7603750)

REF:(A) STATE 24289; (B) ADDIS ABABA 2042 (TO BE REPEATED)

1. PROBLEM: AMBASSADOR HUMMEL BELIEVES ETHIOPIANS MAY  
THINK USG FAVORS RE-INTRODUCTION OF ISRAELI ADVISORS INTO  
ETHIOPIA. HUMMEL SUGGESTS IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO TELL FON  
MIN KIFLE THAT SUCH IS NOT THE CASE. WE HAVE NOT BEEN IN-  
VOLVED IN ANY WAY IN POSSIBLE DISPATCH TO ETHIOPIA OF  
ISRAELI ADVISORS AND SEE NO ADVANTAGE IN NOW BECOMING IN-  
VOLVED. WE RECOMMEND, THEREFORE, THAT HUMMEL NOT RAISE  
ISSUE OF ALLEGED ISRAELI ADVISORS IN ETHIOPIA WITH KIFLE.

2. BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS: EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR BASSIOUNY IN  
ADDIS ABABA IS AGAIN PRESSING AMBASSADOR HUMMEL FOR CON-  
FIRMATION THAT ISRAELI ADVISORS ARE IN ETHIOPIA. (ADDIS  
ABABA 2042 IS BEING REPEATED SEPARATELY TO YOU.) WHEN

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BASSIOUNY LAST APPROACHED US ON THIS MATTER A MONTH AGO,

WE INSTRUCTED HUMMEL TO EMPHASIZE FORCEFULLY TO BASSIOUNY THAT USG HAS NOT BEEN CONSULTED, NOTIFIED OR IN ANY OTHER WAY INVOLVED WITH EITHER ISRAELIS OR ETHIOPIANS CONCERNING ALLEGED DISPATCH TO ETHIOPIA OF ISRAELI ADVISORS (STATE 24289). HUMMEL NO; SUGGESTS THAT IF ETHIOPIANS BELIEVE THEY ARE PLEASING USG BY RE-INTRODUCING ISRAELI ADVISORS,

IT MIGHT BE USEFUL IF HE (HUMMEL) TELLS FOR MIN KIFLE THAT SUCH IS NOT THE CASE. HUMMEL HIMSELF POINTS OUT RISKS OF FOLLOWING THIS COURSE BUT HAS REQUESTED GUIDANCE.

3. AF/NEA VIEWS:

WE  
SEE NO BENEFIT IN ANY WAY FOR US TO BECOME INVOLVED AND BELIEVE WE SHOULD ONCE AGAIN SO ADVISE HUMMEL.

4. RECOMMENDATION: THAT YOU AUTHORIZE DISPATCH OF THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM TO HUMMEL REITERATING TO HIM THAT WE ARE NOT RPT NOT IN ANY WAY INVOLVED IN THIS MATTER AND DO NOT WISH TO BECOME SO.

APPROVE            DISAPPROVE

ATTACHMENTS:

1. DRAFT TELEGRAM
2. STATE 24289 (NOTAL)

5. DRAFT TELEGRAM:

TO: ADDIS ABABA IMMEDIATE  
INFO: CAIRO, MOGADISCIO, NAIROBI, TEL AVIV.  
E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINS, ET, IS  
SUBJECT: ALLEGED ISRAELI MILITARY ADVISORS IN ETHIOPIA  
REF: ADDIS ABABA 2042, STATE 24289 (NOTAL)  
EXDIS, FROM SECRETARY FOR AMBASSADOR

1. AS INDICATED STATE REFTEL WE HAVE NOT BEEN CONSULTED, NOTIFIED OR IN ANY OTHER WAY INVOLVED WITH EITHER  
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ISRAELIS OR ETHIOPIANS IN ALLEGED DISPATCH TO ETIOPIA OF ISRAELI ADVISORS. FURTHER, WE CAN NOT RPT NOT CONFIRM DEFINITELY WHETHER THERE ARE ISRAELI ADVISORS IN ETHIOPIA. WE DO NOT RPT NOT

WISH TO BECOME INVOLVED. THEREFORE YOU SHOULD NOT RPT NOT TAKE INITIATIVE TO RAISE THIS MATTER WITH KIFLE OR ANYONE ELSE. IF SUBJECT AGAIN BROACHED TO YOU BY AMB BASSIOUNY,

YOU SHOULD REITERATE WE HAVE NOT RPT NOT BEEN IN ANY WAY  
CONSULTED IN THIS MATTER AND WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON  
WHETHER ISRAELI ADVISORS ARE IN  
ETHIOPIA.  
CLEARANCES: NEA:ALATHERTON; AF:SCHAUFEELE  
END DRAFT TELEGRAM.  
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